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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following copending U.S. Application:

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed copending U.S. application may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

A copy of the cited U.S. patent application (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application which caused it to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

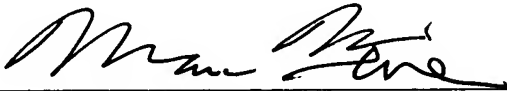
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